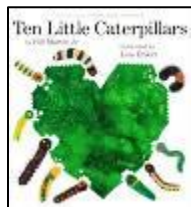


## Backyard Critters



### 10 little caterpillars by Bill Martin, Jr.

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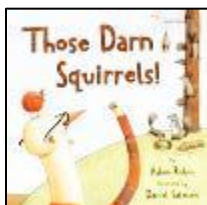
Illustrations and rhyming text follow ten caterpillars as one wriggles up a flower stem, another sails across a garden pool, and one reaches an apple leaf, where something amazing happens.



### That pup! by Lindsay Barrett George

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After having fun digging up acorns, a little dog decides to bury them all again.



### Those darn squirrels by Adam Rubin

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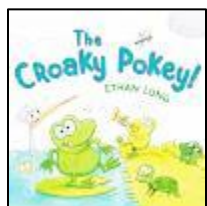
When grumpy Old Man Fookwire builds feeders to try to keep birds--the only creatures he likes--from leaving for the winter, he finds himself in a battle with clever, crafty squirrels who want a share of the abundant food.



### Too many frogs! by Ann and John Hassett

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With rapidly increasing numbers of frogs coming out of her basement, Nana Quimby asks assorted neighborhood children for help, but finally it is up to her to come up with a solution.



### The Croaky Pokey by Ethan Long

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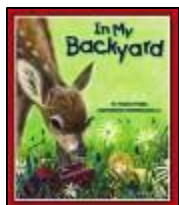
Frogs sing and do their own version of the Hokey Pokey.



### There's an opossum in my backyard by Gary Bogue

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A baby opossum falls off its mother's back while traveling through the Green family's backyard and it spends the year there, learning about Rocky the dog, the cat next door, and the other wildlife in the yard.



### In my backyard by Valarie Gogas

**ENF 591.3 GIO**

A rhyming picture book that introduces backyard animals by baby and family group names while counting them from one to ten, followed by a "For creative minds" section with animal facts memory game and information on caring for wildlife.

### LITTLE BIRD

I saw a little bird go hop, hop, hop.  
I told the little bird to stop, stop, stop.  
I went to the window to say 'How do you do?'  
He wagged his little tail and far away he flew!

### HERE IS THE BEEHIVE

Here is the beehive *(make fist)*  
Where are the bees? *(inspect fist closely)*  
Hiding inside where nobody sees *(point to fist)*  
Look! They're coming out of their hive--  
One, two, three, four, five! BZZZZZZZ! *(unfold fingers)*  
BZZZZZZZZZ

### ITSY BITSY SPIDER

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out!  
Out came the sun and it dried up all the rain,  
And the itsy-bitsy spider went up the spout again.

### ROUND AND ROUND THE HAYSTACK

Round and round the haystack *(draw circles on palm)*  
Ran the little mousie.  
Tippie-toe, tippie-toe,  
To his little housie! *(crawl fingers up & under arm)*

### MR. BULLFROG

Here's Mr. Bullfrog, sitting on a rock. *(fist on fist)*  
Into the water he jumps, *(raise arm high)*  
KERPLOP! *(clap loudly)*

### LITTLE TURTLE

There was a little turtle who lived in a box.  
He swam in the water, and climbed on the rocks.  
  
He snapped at a mosquito, he snapped at a flea,  
He snapped at a minnow, and he snapped at me!  
  
He caught the mosquito, he caught the flea,  
He caught the minnow, but he didn't catch me!

### FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS

Five little speckled frogs,  
Sitting on a speckled log,  
Eating the most delicious bugs... Yum Yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool.  
Now there are four little speckled frogs.  
Ribbit Ribbit! *(count down to "No speckled frogs!")*

Our activity page comes from our friends at Holiday House, and is based on Ethan Long's fun book The Croaky Pokey. You can find the activity here:

<http://www.holidayhouse.com/docs/CroakyPokey.pdf>